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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 862 0122 84
 COUNTRY: (U) MALAYSIA (MY)
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 - BRIEFING FOR CODEL EDWARDS (U)
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 SUMMARY: (S) THIS REPORT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE
 BRIEFING PRESENTED TO CODEL EDWARDS BY THE MINISTRY OF
 DEFENSE. WHILE THIS IS A CONSISTENT PRESENTATION OF THE
 MINDEF PERSPECTIVE; THERE IS AN ACKNOWLEDGED OVER-
 EMPHASIS UPON BOTH THE ISSUE TO THE US-PRC ARMS SALE
 AND THE POTENTIAL THREAT POSED BY A REARMED JAPAN.
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 DETAILS (S/NOFORN)

- ANY ITEM ENCLOSED IN QUOTES IS DONE SO TO
- INDICATE AN EMPHASIS BY THE BRIEFER. IN THE TEXT
- THESE ITEMS ARE UNDERLINED TO INDICATE EMPHASIS.
- BRIEFING NOTES FOR THE VISIT OF US CONGRESS
- MEMBERS ON 16 JUL 84
- PREAMBLE
- 1. HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION, Y.E.
- DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND GENTLEMEN.
- AIM

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- 2. THE AIM OF THIS BRIEFING IS TO GIVE AN OUTLINE
- OF OUR SECURITY PERCEPTION AFFECTING MALAYSIA'S
- DEFENSE.
- SCOPE
- 3. THE BRIEFING WILL COVER:
- A. BASIS OF PERCEPTION
- B. PERCEIVED THREAT - EXTERNAL
- C. INTERNAL SECURITY
- BASIS OF PERCEPTION
- 4. MALAYSIA SEES THE THREAT TO ITS SECURITY ON THE
- BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING:
- A. HISTORICAL: MALAYSIA HAS HAD BITTER EXPER-
- IENCIES OF COLONIALISM, JAPANESE MILITARISM, COMMUNIST
- INSURRECTION, CONFLICT WITH NEIGHBOURING STATES (CON-
- FRONTATION WITH INDONESIA 1963-1966) AND COMMUNAL RIOT-
- ING (1969). THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENT MALAYSIA WAS
- OBTAINED THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITHOUT ANY ARMED VIOLENCE
- OR REVOLUTION. AS A SMALL STATE THEREFORE, MALAYSIA
- WISHES TO REMAIN FREE OF ANY FOREIGN DOMINATION, PREVENT
- FOREIGN AGGRESSION, ENSURE ITS INTERNAL STABILITY AND
- PRESERVE ITS SOVEREIGNTY.
- B. GEOGRAPHICAL: ONE CANNOT CHOOSE ONE'S
- NEIGHBOURS. MALAYSIA LIES ALMOST IN THE EPI-CENTER OF THE
- SOUTH EAST ASIAN REGION STRADDLING THE MAIN SEA LINES OF
- COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PACIFIC AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.
- IT IS PART OF THE ASIAN MAINLAND WITH THE OTHER HALF
- SEPARATED BY 400 MILES OF SEA IN THE CASE OF SABAH AND
- SARAWAK. IN OUR DEFENSE CALCULATION AND VIEW OF SECURITY
- IMPLICATION, MALAYSIA TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION ITS
- GEOGRAPHICAL STATUS BOTH REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.
- WITH ABUNDANT RESOURCES AND ITS STRATEGIC LOCALITY IT MAY
- WELL BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS COUNTRY SHOULD CONTINUE AS
- A DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM LOVING AND MODERATE INCLINED STATE
- OR ELSE DOMINATION BY ANY COMMUNIST BLOCK WOULD RENDER IT
- DIFFICULT FOR THE WEST.
- C. ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. WE BELIEVE IN THE PRAC-
- TISE OF FREE ECONOMY. MUCH OF OUR ECONOMIC LINKS ARE WITH
- THE WEST. WHEN AMERICA SNEEZES WE GET THE COLD. BEING
- SMALL AND ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
- UNDERSTANDING IS REQUIRED ON HOW MUCH MALAYSIA SHOULD
- EMPHASIZE ON DEFENSE AND HOW MUCH EMPHASIS IS REQUIRED ON
- SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BEING A MEMBER OF THE THIRD
- END OF MESSAGE

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